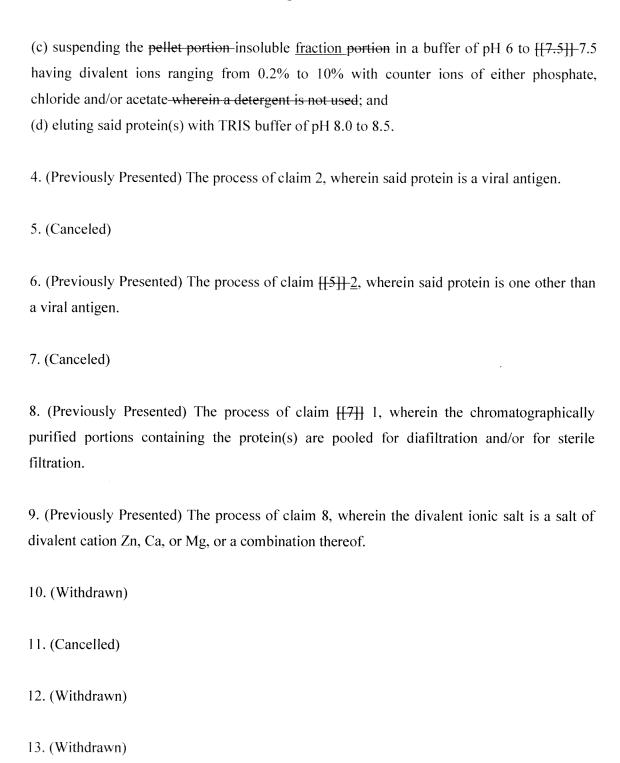
Amendments to the Claims:

This amendment of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation and purification of protein(s) comprising:
- (a) centrifuging the cell lysate obtained from vector cells expressing said protein(s) between 1000 g and 10,000 g to form a supernatant soluble portion fraction and an solid insoluble portion fraction;
- (b) obtaining the insoluble fraction of step (a) wherein the insoluble portion fraction comprises the protein(s);
- (c) suspending the insoluble portion fraction in a buffer of pH 6 to [[7.5]] 7.5;
- (d) forming an insoluble matrix after step (d) by the addition of divalent ionic salt having a concentration ranging from 0.2% to 10% with counter ions of either phosphate, chloride and/or acetate solution to the suspension of step (c);
- (e) subjecting the insoluble matrix obtained in step (d) to centrifugation to form a pellet;
- (f) repeatedly subjecting the pellet <u>obtained</u> from step (e) to a desorption process to release the protein(s) from said insoluble pellet by using either TRIS buffer of pH [[8.0]] <u>8.0</u> to 8.5 or TRIS with EDTA buffer at pH 7.0 to 8.0; and
- (g) recovering the protein(s) through hydrophobic chromatography.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein said protein(s) is/are expressed in yeast.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation and purification of protein(s) comprising:
- (a) centrifuging the cell lysate obtained from vector cells expressing said protein(s) between 1000 g and 10,000 g to form a supernatant portion soluble fraction and solid portion an insoluble fraction;
- (b) obtaining the insoluble fraction of step (a) wherein the insoluble portion_fraction comprises the protein(s);



14. (Currently Amended) The process of claims -8_1 and 3, wherein the said proteins are highly purified without the loss of biological activity.

- 15. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein contaminants do not interfere with the process of preparation and purification of said proteins.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 21 and 3, wherein said proteins are viral antigens, recombinant proteins, and/or bio-therapeutic proteins.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 16, wherein said proteins are simultaneously prepared and purified_ The process of claim 14, wherein the biological activity of the said proteins after purification ranges from at least 70% to 95%.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 16, wherein said proteins are selected from the group consisting of: Rabies antigen, Hepatitis A antigen, Hepatitis B antigen, Diphtheria toxoid and Tetanus toxoid.